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1. DURING HIS VISIT TO NEW YORK IN LATE SEPTEMBER, UNDER SECRETARY HABIB DISCUSSED WITH UK FOREIGN OFFICE PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY,SIR MICHAEL PALLISER,OUR COMMON CONCERNS ABOUT JAMAICA AND THE CARIBBEAN. PALLISER SUGGESTED THAT IN EARLY JANUARY FOLLOWING A MEETING OF AREA UK AMBASSADORS IN BRIDGETOWN, A SENIOR FCO OFFICIAL MIGHT PASS THROUGH WASHINGTON TO SHARE WHATEVER UK VIEWS EMERGED. MR. HABIB AGREED THAT SUCH AN EXCHANGE WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

2. DURING A MEETING LAST WEEK WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRE-
TARY LUERS, UK EMBASSY COUNSELOR SQUIRE RAISED THE IDEA AGAIN. SQUIRE SAID THAT ROBIN EDMONDS, WHO WOULD BE THE SENIOR FCO OFFICIAL AT THE PROPOSED BRIDGETOWN MEETING,
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WOULD BE WILLING TO COME THROUGH WASHINGTON IN THE SECOND

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WEEK OF JANUARY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS. LUERS REPLIED THAT A VISIT BY EDMONDS WOULD BE OPPORTUNE AND FIT IN WITH OUR OWN PLANS FOR A REASSESSMENT OF OUR POLICY TOWARD THE CARIBBEAN. LUERS POINTED OUT THAT WE HAD TENTATIVELY BEEN PLANNING OUR ANNUAL US/UK TALKS ON THE HEMISPHERE FOR APRIL OR MAY. BUT

LUERS ADDED THAT AN EXCHANGE WITH EDMONDS WOULD BE DESIR-ABLE AND SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED.

3. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO TELL EDMONDS THAT ASSIS-TANT SECRETARY SHLAUDEMAN AND LUERS WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO SET UP A DAY SESSION OF CONSULTATIONS FOLLOWING EDMONDS' MEETING IN THE CARIBBEAN. WE ASSUME THE DISCUSSIONS WOULD COVER THE CARIBBEAN INCLUDING THE BELIZE QUESTION AND WOULD NOT BE A SUBSTITUTE FOR OUR ANNUAL SPRING MEETING WHICH WE ARE STILL EXPECTING TO BE IN LONDON. PLEASE LET US KNOW THE DATE OR DATES HE WOULD PLAN TO BE IN WASHINGTON. KISSINGER

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